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## Congressman Bob Filner Announces \$314,000 Grant For South Bay College's 'Transition To Teaching' Program

### College Places Underrepresented Teachers in Needy Local Schools

**C**HULA VISTA, CA — Congressman Bob Filner announced that the United States Department of Education has selected InterAmerican College in National City as the recipient of a \$314,607 grant. The funds will be used to establish the Southern California Recruitment Institute for the Preparation of Teachers to recruit and train much-needed elementary and secondary schoolteachers.

"There must be no greater priority than education," said Filner. "But our schools will fail if we don't have enough professional and qualified teachers. This grant should help bring more teachers to the South Bay."

InterAmerican College in National City aggressively recruits minority students — focusing on working adults — who have not had access to higher education. The college offers Elementary and High School Credentials, as well as Bachelor of Arts Degrees. The college also collaborates with local school districts to place newly-credentialed teachers in local schools — focusing on those schools in need of more minority teachers.

"The need for teachers grows greater every year," said Filner. "We've got to give successful programs like this more support!" ♦